

# Text of Queries on U-2 Incident and

LONDON, May 12 (Reuters) — Following is an account, issued today by Tass, Soviet press agency, of the informal news conference held yesterday in Moscow by Premier Khrushchev, incorporating a transcript of the questions and his replies:

Following the press conference given by Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, Soviet and foreign correspondents were invited to examine the there will be no excesses, but questions will be asked of course.

I would put it this way: one person, namely Mr. Herter, has helped the President particularly in this respect.

At his press conference Herter made an outrageous statement! Far from feeling guilty and ashamed of aggressive actions, he justifies them and says that this will continue in the future. Only countries which are in a state of war can act in this way.

We are not in a state of war with America. These aggressive actions and Herter's statement are impudence, sheer impudence!

Herter's statement has made us doubt the correctness of our earlier conclusions that the President, the American Government, did not know about the flights. Herter's statement says that this intelligence plan was endorsed by the Government.

The Americans, obviously, were compelled to say this because otherwise they would have had to bring Allen Dulles to account. Dulles, in turn, would have exposed the Government by saying that he carried out a plan approved by it and, consequently, endorsed by the head of the Government. I proceed from the statement that was made by Herter.

There was a time—I remember it from my young days—when many criminals and other suspicious elements roamed the world. These people resorted to a following, trick:

A bandit with a small boy would hide under a bridge and wait for someone to cross it. Then the bandit would send the boy to the passer-by and the boy would say: Hello, Mister, give me back my

watch. The natural answer would be: "What's that? Now run along!" Then the boy would insist: But look, Mister, this watch is mine. Why don't you give me back my watch? Then the armed bandit would appear, as though attracted by the noise of the argument, and tell the passer-by: Why do you bully the boy? Give him back his watch and pass over your coat too!

The United States wants to know what the answer is.

Well, the answer is: It is demanded by the United States Department of State in connection with the intelligence plane naturally after the fact that the United States President had nothing to do with this affair. I do not know that such an intelligence plan existed in the United States, and that it included a program of reconnaissance flights over the Soviet territory.

It follows from the statement of the Department of State, which was approved by the President, that the American intelligence plan over our country was a whim of some American officer, but evaluation of a plan prepared by Allen Dulles, leader of the Central Intelligence Agency, a department within the jurisdiction of the United States President.

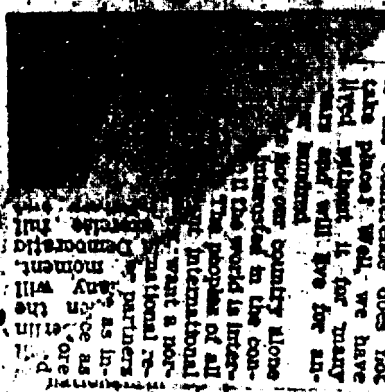
Mr. Herter admitted that the United States Government had issued directives to collect various intelligence information by all possible means. On the basis of these directives, programs have been worked out and implemented, which, as Herter said, included large-scale observations from the air with the aid of aircraft and by means of penetrations.

I want you to pay attention to this—by means of penetrations, that is, the use of reconnoitering, spying flights over the territory of a state with whom normal relations exist.

And this plan was approved by the President. I have heard of action, and after all this I am expected to say: "What nice people you are." That would mean lacking in self-respect.

I would say that Mr. Herter

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are threatening that the conference may not take place—then it will be clear that it is not our fault that the conference did not take place. So we shall go to Paris. And if the conference does not take place, well, we have already planned it for many years and will be for an

There are two reasons for this. One is the uncertainty as to the actual part played by Washington in bringing about Dr. Rhee's resignation. The other is the United States stand on a basic emotional issue between South Korea and Japan. Earlier, Koreans thought Washington had not done enough to awaken Dr. Rhee to the explosive political discontent of his people.

### Envoy Was Cheered

When Washington finally did so, at the height of the student uprising last month, crowds in the streets cheered Ambassador Walter P. McCaughy as a national hero.

Then both the State Department and the new South Korean Government, apparently fearing that the highly publicized role of the United States might be misunderstood, hastened to assure the world that Washington's efforts did not constitute "intervention" in the domestic affairs of a sovereign state.

Communist propagandists had already leaped upon the United States' role to brand the new Government as a "stooge of the imperialists."

The protestations both here and in Washington on the nature of the United States' role have apparently called attention to the actions of the State Department in the period leading to Dr. Rhee's resignation. Whether the United States had actually intervened or not became a topic of street-corner

## Khrushchev's Replies



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building of the Havana Hilton Hotel, constructed with most from the federation's retirement fund and the Government and the Batista regime.

### Former Officers Seized

The others are Capt. Jacinto Macias Miranda, formerly aide to Gen. Francisco Tamayo, chief of the Cuban Army under Gen. Fulgencio Batista; Angel Rolando Rodriguez, Julio Gullien Perez, a former captain in the Batista army, and Cecil Rains, Alcandy, daughter of

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